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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE.

In Re Application of : Darren Kady Serial Number : 09/178,837

Filed : October 26, 1998

For : Locking Device For Tools and Equipment Group : 2735

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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated July 17, 2000, with a response date of

October 17, 2000, please enter the following:

In the Claims

Please delete claims 9 and 10.

Claim 5, line 1, after "said" insert – internal --;

Claim 6, , line 1 after "wires" insert – positioned within said external case, --;

1. An <u>internal</u> operating control device for [use with] equipment having an exterior case, a power source, an activation member and a driver member, said control device having:

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